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FM AMEMBASSY OUAGADOUGOU  
TO USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GERMANY ECJ-4/7-SA PRIORITY  
INFO AMEMBASSY USDAO ABIDJAN  
AMEMBASSY BAMAKO  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L OUAGADOUGOU 1070

CINCEUR ALSO FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS, UVTJW ML  
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR REINSTATEMENT OF TRAINING VISIT

REF: USCINCEUR 080901Z MAR 78

1. I FIND IT RATHER DIFFICULT TO CONCUR IN A PROPOSED  
SCENARIO IN WHICH THE BEGINNING OF A MILITARY TRAINING  
PROGRAM FOR PRO-WESTERN UPPER VOLTA WOULD BE PUT ON THE  
SHELF UNTIL THE GOVERNMENT OF MALI, WHICH IS  
REGULARLY RECEIVING SOVIET ARMS, IS READY TO RECEIVE  
A VISITING AMERICAN TEAM.

2. IN ADDITION TO THIS INITIAL UNFORTUNATE EFFECT OF  
THE BUDGETARY TAIL WAGGING THE POLICY DOG, IT IS QUITE  
CONCEIVABLE THAT AFTER MAY 1 THE SAME PRESSURE TO  
SQUEEZE BOTH COUNTRIES INTO THE SAME TRIP COULD OPERATE  
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TO PUT PRESSURE ON EMBASSY BAMAKO TO START DISCUSSIONS  
WITH THE MALIAN DEFENSE MINISTRY EARLIER THAN DESIRABLE  
FROM A POLICY POINT OF VIEW.

3. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE CONSIDERATIONS THE BEST SOLUTION  
WOULD APPEAR TO BE TO REINSTATE THE VISIT OF THE TEAM  
TO OUAGADOUGOU AS SCHEDULED AND ATTEMPT TO FIND ADDITIONAL

FUNDS FOR A TRIP TO BAMAKO WHEN THE SITUATION GOM CLEARS SUFFICIENT  
AND EMBASSY BAMAKO IS READY TO GO  
AHEAD.

4. ALTHOUGH THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THESE TRAINING  
PROGRAMS IS PURELY MILITARY, THE RATIONALE BEHIND  
THEM IS LARGELY POLITICAL. THERE MAY BE A NEED FOR  
MORE POLITICAL FINE-TUNING IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF  
THE PROGRAM THAN HAD BEEN ENVISAGED. I BELIEVE IN THIS  
CASE THERE IS A GOOD ARGUMENT FOR ALLOCATION OF ADDITIONAL  
TRAVEL FUNDS TO THE TRAINING SECTION TO ENABLE IT TO  
DEAL FLEXIBLY WITH DIVERSE POLITICAL SITUATIONS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: POLICY DECISION TO SEVER  
TANDEM CONNECTION IN ADMINISTRATION OF UPPER VOLTA AND  
MALI IMET PROGRAMS AND REINSTATEMENT OF MARCH TRAINING  
VISIT TO OUAGADOUGOU. BIGELOW

NOTE BY OC/T: TELEGRAM DELAYED IN TRANSMISSION.

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